GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF ECO TOURISM
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any strategy to promote eco-tourism to curb poaching and to maintain the protected area of sanctuaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have decided to develop Kanha near Nagpur as eco-tourist place;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount sanctioned for this purpose ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT &FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has evolved guidelines for wildlife tourism as per the directions of Standing Committee of Indian Board for Wildlife.These guidelines primarily aim at encouraging participation of local people in the tourism management with the objective of bio-diversity conservation on one hand and improving the socio-economic status of local people on the other hand. Involvement of local people in wildlife tourism will help in curbing poaching and illegal trade and will improve the bio-diversity potential of the area.

(c) No, Sir.

(d)&(e) Does not arise.